(c) and (d) The Government is implementing a scheme for Computerization of District and Subordinate Courts in all States of the country and for upgradation of the Information and Communication Technology infrastructure of the Supreme Court and High Courts. Under the scheme, 13365 judicial officers including the trial court Judges have been provided with Laptops which is expected to expedite disposal of pending cases. Under the scheme, around 13000 Judges/Judicial officers and 55000 administrative staff of the courts have been trained in the use of Information and Communication Technology tools.

Inheritance of self-earned assets of parents

2689. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring in any law to make it mandatory for parents to distribute self-earned fixed assets among the sons and daughters particularly in the cases of son/sons inheriting the job/employment of the father/mother;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise in view of the reply to (a) above.

Priority to cases involving senior citizens

2690. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any orders under which law suits involving senior citizens are eligible to get priority in disposal thereof by the lower and higher courts, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether all the High Courts are not giving priority to disposal of such law suits;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of law suits relating to senior citizens pending for disposal in various High Courts of the country and the steps contemplated to expedite their disposal or to fix any time-frame therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) to (d) Government of India has adopted the National Policy for older pejsons to protect their interests. In this context, Mr. Justice A.S. Anand, the then Chief Justice of India had during the year 1999 requested the Chief Justices of Hi^h Courts to evolve a system which may ensure timely disposal of the matters of bolder persons pending in the courts and requested all the High Courts to indentify and dispose of matters in which persons above 65 years of age are involved on priority basis.

Government is also committed to continue implementation of the National Policy for Older Persons. In this context, all the State Governments were requested to make the following arrangements in consultation with the respective High Courts:

i) Wherever there are more than one Fast Track Court (FTC), one of them may be earmarked to deal exclusively with cases involving senior citizens;

iii) Wherever there is only one FTC, instructions may be issued to that court to deal with all cases involving senior citizens on priority;

iii) All pending sessions cases involving senior citizens regardless of the period of pendency may be transferred to the nearest FTC for disposal;

iv) All civil matters involving property, inheritance, recovery of money, service matters and pension as well as rent and tenancy matters involving senior citizens and pending with District Judge may also be transferred to the FTC earmarked for senior citizens.

Information on the number of law suits relating to senior citizens pending for disposal in the High Courts is not maintained in the Department of Justice. However, Registrar Generals of all the High Courts have been requested to give continued emphasis to cases involving senior citizens in High Courts as well as the courts subordinate to the High Courts.

Issue of voter identity cards

2691. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crores of eligible voters have not been issued voter identity cards which are required since this scheme was started about 10 years ago, if so, the present position in this regard;

(b) whether a large number of voters have been issued cards with wrong identity; if so, the number thereof; and

(c) whether the scheme of issuing voter identity cards has been abandoned for the future elections and if so, what is the position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) A Statement showing the latest number of Elector's Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) issued in various States/Union territories as on 07-10-2009 is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below)

(b) Cases of issue of a large number of defective EPICs have not come to the notice of the Election Commission, though cases do occur where particulars are wrongly written or mismatch of photo takes place. The same are sent for correction to the officers concerned in the office of the Electoral Registration Officer.

(c) No, Sir.